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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th June 1858.

No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, under date the 27th May 1858, No. 627.

Read the following letter from the Director General, Medical Department.

Submitting correspondence from Assistant Surgeon John Miller, M. D., in Medical Charge at Kurnool, bringing to notice the irregular, objectionable and injurious conduct of Venkatrow, Head Sheristadar of Kurnool in refusing to receive Medical aid from 1st Dresser Pareahnoyagum on the ground of his being a Christian, and also in objecting to receive the visits of Dr. Miller, with observations.

(Here enter 6th May 1858, No. 89.)

With the above letter the Director General Medical Department submits a correspondence from Assistant Surgeon J. Miller, in Medical charge of Kurnool, bringing to notice the conduct of Venkatrow, Head Sheristadar of that Agency, in refusing to receive Medical aid from 1st Dresser Pareahnoyagum on the ground of his being a Pariah, and in also objecting to his own professional visits from caste prejudices. The Director General considers the case one which urgently requires the interference of authority. He also adverts to a Petition presented to Government some time ago praying for the removal of 2d Dresser Mootoosawmy from the Civil Dispensary, as having been got up by the Brahmins belonging to the Cutcherry under fictitious names.

2. This case appears from the correspondence submitted, to have also come before the Board of Revenue when Dr. Miller objected to grant a Medical Certificate to the Sheristadar to enable him to obtain sick leave on account of his having declined his visits. The Board very properly then expressed their disapprobation that the Officiating Assistant Agent should have erroneously and unnecessarily made it a question of heathenism and christianity, for to this latter creed the Dresser belongs. No Native public servant, any more than any one else, can be required to submit to the attendance of a Medical man whom he does not approve, and it is not for Government to deal with the motive of his objections or prejudices.

3. If a Native servant requires leave on sick Certificate, the course to be pursued is clearly laid down in the Absentee Rules for the Uncovenanted Service. By Section IV. his application must be accompanied by a statement of his case from the Medical man by whom he has been attended, but who need not be in the Company's Service, stating certain particulars, and by a Certificate to the effect given in the rule by the Chief Medical Officer of the Station or District. If it be necessary in any instance that such Chief Medical Officer should, to enable him to judge as to the necessity of the Certificate or as to its terms, watch the course of the malady, he must of course have full facilities for so doing, and if he should in this require to be assisted by one of his Subordinates, the applicant for sick Certificate must receive his visits also whatever may be his caste or creed, failing which he would lose his Certificate and be subjected to all the disadvantages and forfeitures thereon ensuing. The Government consider however that the attendance of the Subordinate should not be enforced when there is no real occasion for it or merely to carry out what the Surgeon may consider a principle. Dr. Miller will be called upon to explain, in reference to para. 4 of his letter No. 94 to the Superintending Surgeon, why he deemed it necessary that his Dresser should accompany him in his visit to the Sheristadar, and whether he is generally in the habit of taking him when he visits his patients.

4. Referring to the concluding para. of the Director General's letter, there appears to Government to be no proof that the Sheristadar was in any way concerned with the Petition against the Dresser therein alluded to. The Petitioners had a right to Petition; and Government could only answer as they did that such objections were inadmissible.

5. The Agent at Kurnool will be called upon to report under what circumstances the Jail writer referred to in para. 6 of Dr. Miller's letter of 15th April was removed from his appointment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th June 1858.

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, No. 763; dated 5th June 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Director General, Medical Department.
" Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George,
at Kurnool, with para. 6 of Dr. Miller's letter.
" Revenue Department.

Calla. 1st June 1858

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Exe. 132 of Revenue
By 2nd Oct 1858 C No 1586
transferred to Del D. D.

Revenue 1858 Sept 13
D. to Gov. 8th June

No 86
Extract from the
letter of Gov. in the
Public Department.

Dated 27th May 1858
Recd. 1st June 1858
No 763. 2nd June 1858.

Nothing appears in Dr. Miller's
report why he should be
suspended, but his report is
very strong in his view to
the effect that he is not
fit to be employed in the
office of a Jail writer, and
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Ordered to be examined
and to the Board of Revenue.

2nd June 1858
Dr. Miller's letter of 15th April 1858.

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W. A. Barclay